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SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

REF: USNATO 4996

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON MBFR IN ACDA, ITALIAN
COUNSELOR SALIMEI ASKED ABOUT STATUS OF FLANK SECURITY
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DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS. HE SAID ITALIANS HAD IMPRESSION

THEIR FORMULATION SPECIFICALLY REFERRING TO "ADJACENT AREAS" HAD BROAD SUPPORT WITHIN THE SPC AND ASKED REASONS FOR OUR RESERVATIONS REGARDING IT.

2. WE SAID WE WERE UNAWARE OF ANY RECENT DISCUSSION OF THE FLANK SECURITY ISSUE IN BRUSSELS AND WENT OVER REASONING BEHIND OUR POSITION (REFTEL), STRESSING OUR DESIRE TO AVOID SPECIFIC OBLIGATIONS REGARDING TERRITORIES OUTSIDE THE REDUCTIONS AREA, AND SPECIFIC TREATY-LIKE FORMULATIONS NOW. SALIMEI SAID THAT OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO FORCES OUTSIDE THE AREA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE CONTEXT OF NON-CIRCUMVENTION MEASURES. WE REPLIED THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC NON-CIRCUMVENTION TERMINOLOGY. INGERSOLL

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